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Subject: Letter from the ALAB Chair regarding the potential urgency ordinance for oak woodlands and native trees

Board of Supervisors and Board Staff,

In recognition of Friday's agenda item regarding the potential adoption of an urgency ordinance prohibiting the clear-cutting of oak woodlands and limiting the removal of native trees in the inland area, the Chair of the Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB), Jean-Pierre Wolff, asked me to provide you this letter regarding ALAB's recommendation on the matter. At our meeting held yesterday, ALAB members voted to support the adoption of the urgency ordinance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

thanks,
Marc Lea

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Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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Advisory Board (ALAB)**

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DATE: July 12, 2016

TO: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ALAB Recommendation regarding a potential urgency ordinance prohibiting the clear-cutting of oak woodlands and limiting the removal of native trees in the inland area of the county

Dear Supervisors,

At the July 11th, 2016 Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB) meeting, ALAB members discussed the potential adoption of an urgency ordinance prohibiting clear-cutting of oak woodlands and limiting the removal of native trees. County Planning Staff were available to address questions regarding the details of the proposed ordinance.

Members had reservations about the extremely quick timeline utilized to develop this ordinance and how that abbreviated timeline precluded outside input, but members also recognized the gravity of the problem that led to this proposed ordinance and the need for agriculturalists to demonstrate their ability to be good stewards of the land. **After considerable discussion, ALAB members approved a motion supporting the adoption of the urgency ordinance as currently written.**

Members also recognized that if an urgency oak woodland/native tree ordinance is adopted that a permanent ordinance will likely be explored and developed. ALAB members expressed the need to have greater input during that phase and address some of the details and questions left unresolved with the urgency ordinance as currently proposed.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jean-Pierre Wolff, Ph.D.
ALAB Chair